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"ANTHRAQUINONE QUENCHER DYES,  
THEIR METHODS OF PREPARATION  
AND USE"

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In the Office Action of December 19, 2006, a requirement for restriction was made, requiring election of Group I claims (directed to compounds), Group II claims (directed to methods of use), and Group III (drawn to a methods of preparing the compounds). Applicants elect Group II claims directed to methods of use, without traverse.

This response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time, extending the date for response to February 19, 2007, and by the requisite fee. Because the extended deadline fell on a federal holiday, this response, filed on February 20, 2007, is timely filed.

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